

IN THIS ART SHOW

Society of Independent Artists Mobilizes 1200 Painters and Sculptors

NEW YORK, April 18.—Radical and even daring in its plans, the exhibition of the Society of Independent Artists—the largest art exposition ever held—opened today at Grand Central Palace today. There was a private view and reception last evening, when a number of invited guests attended on the joint invitation of Mayor Mitchell and the directors of the society. This startlingly different exhibition might be termed a mobilization of all American art, together with some of Europe's latest war-inspired works. The exhibition will remain open daily and Sunday from 10 a. m. until 10:30 p. m. until May 6. Nearly two miles of paintings and sculpture are on exhibition by more than 1200 members of the society, many of whom are being made to have a fleet of chairs for hire. There are about 200 pieces of sculpture. The exhibits come from thirty-eight different States in the Union, so that the show is a representative All-American one. Every school of art is represented, from the most radical to the most conservative, and artists well known and otherwise, academicians and virtual novices are on view.

Standing out prominently as features of this exhibition are the plan of having no jury and no prizes, and the radically original plan of hanging the paintings and arranging the sculptures alphabetically. Aside from the fact that the paintings are grouped together, there is no grouping. Thus everything is hung without regard to class or artist's reputation, and a Glackens, a Hawthorne, a Bellows, a Prendergast or the work of other famous artists, is found hanging side by side with the most imaginative lines of the unknown—a pastoral perhaps sandwiched in between a Cubist in weird lines and colorings, and a Futurist portrait of the extreme type.

The exhibition is the first at which the public can really see the art of America as it represents the choice of the artist. Having no jury eliminates the forcing of one viewpoint in art, which is bound to occur if a jury passes on the pictures that are hung. There is more chance of a jury agreeing on an average picture than on an unusual picture, a fact that has been evident at art displays again and again. The independent exhibition is designed to show the strength of American art and to reveal in a manner never before attempted whether American art is original or whether it is imitative, something which even the directors of the society do not know. While this first annual exhibition is an "independent" show, it is by no means quite as independent in its makeup as some might be inclined to believe. In fact, it is backed largely by about a dozen academicians with "A. N. A." and "A. N. A." after their names as it is by the various groups of futurists, post-impressionists, neo-impressionists, cubists and the various other "ists." A glance at the list of exhibitors discloses the names of no less than twenty-one of the foremost academicians, and the fact that they are willing to exhibit their work side by side with their next alphabetical neighbor, regardless of whether he is an academician or not, is a mere nobody, a cubist, a cartoonist or some other sort of radical, speaks well for the democracy of the "independent" movement.

A long list of names known in the world of art is represented, including W. J. Glackens, Charles W. Hawthorne, N. A. Robert Vonneg, N. A.; Frederick J. Waugh, N. A.; Steve Harrison, N. A.; Ernest L. Blumenschein, Thomas B. Craig, William Cotton, Kenneth Frazier, Jonas Lee, De Witt Parsons, Eugene E. Speicher, all A. N. A.; Arthur W. Dow, Rudolph Dirks, originator of the Katzenjammer Kids; Stanley M. Arthur, illustrator; Art Young, Joseph Stella, painter of the "Coney Island"; Jo Davidson, sculptor of portraits; Thorne Ball, the church decorator, and a host of others.

CAMDEN'S CHARITY BALL

Arrived in Tonight's Dance for Benefit of Homeopathic Hospital

A dance will be given tonight in Morgan's Hall, Fourth and Market streets, Camden, for the benefit of the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital. It is in reality the annual Camden charity ball, which has been discontinued for the last few years.

Many of Camden society women will act as patronesses for the event, which has been planned by an organization headed by Paul Comey, R. Wayne Kraft, Frank T. Lloyd, Jr., Bayard R. Kraft, Robert C. Lippincott, Sinton J. Stewart and C. Raymond Wickes. Many of the younger set from the suburbs will be present.

Cape May Trade Board Backs U. S.
CAPE MAY, N. J., April 19.—At a banquet of the Board of Trade at the Columbia Hotel last night the members pledged loyalty to the nation and State in the present crisis. The toastmaster was Senator Lewis T. Stevens, and addresses were made by ex-Congressman J. Thompson Shaker, ex-Judge James E. Hildreth, Mayor William L. Stevens, Dr. Frank R. Hughes and Luther C. Ordgen, president of the Board of Trade.

U. S. Requisitions Power Boats
MILLSVILLE, N. J., April 19.—The War Department notified the owners of power boats in the oyster business in the Columbia River Cove and Delaware Bay that their craft will be requisitioned for guard duty and lightering supplies to scout boats.

Germans Ruin Fair Aisne Land

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strangest of all, the church was practically intact, save that it had been thoroughly sacked in Prussian fashion, even the door of the tabernacle having been pried open, and the gold chalice that held the Sacrament removed. In no single house of the eleven existed a stick of furniture, and in the garden of one, among trees cut down, lay a mass of smoldering household equipment, among which the remains of an old Flemish bed were visible.

I went into the cemetery beside the church, where my ancestors lay buried. A communicating trench had been dug through it, a trench seven feet deep at least, violating many graves, among others those of my father's people, poor others dead that had been buried in ancient piety. And it seemed to me then and there that a more bitter feeling against the Boche rose in my heart than existed a week ago, and a week ago I would not have believed it possible. There were three dead Prussians in the trench, lying for aught I could positively deny in that which had been the graves of people of my name. They had been of the resisting rearguard. I stood and looked upon them for a moment ere turning away with thoughts in my mind that have no place here.

I saw for the first time in this war cavalry in action, both French and English, at an hour's interval. They entered Nesle from opposite sides, followed by infantry detachments from both armies, who, under the gas, I could see putting out fires. For the Boche always burns at the end. Thus he will burn all of still-invaded France as he is forced out or retreats before superior equipment and better men. It was three hours later that I was permitted to enter, the first civilian from free France. I fancy from what I have written above that somewhere it was recorded such was to be.

Every village I saw in the triangular journey is a wreck, either a mass of crumbling cold or smoking hot ruin. And that typifies the whole of the territory, amounting to about 2500 square kilometers at this writing. To burn is quite the Prussian type of warfare, quite in line with Louvain and Rheims. No military necessity made essential the burning of Peronne, Chaulnes and Nesle, or the villages between. It was just simple, plain Boche, and the Boche is a type of human apart.

I saw tremendous broken networks of barbed wire before each town, each seemingly stronger than the other, and more intricate and deeper trenches than I had before looked upon. Some were six and seven feet deep and had narrow-gauge tracks laid within them. Many of the abris were constructed with stone and brick casings at entrances, and the descending steps solidly cemented into place. The inside lines of defense at the very outskirts of each town were constructed among the ruins of houses, and were of the most powerful nature. Fighting with the rearguard had constantly occurred, as the numerous dead testified. I saw many inhabitants and talked with some of them, particularly in Nesle. For the most part their faces were a composite of tears and smiles. Many were hysterical and spoke as if with their whole bodies. One old man expressed it all when he said: "Ah, Monsieur, les cochons! Les saies cochons!" (The pigs! The dirty pigs!)

Among these suffering people were naught

but the old, the feeble and the very young. As the true barbarians of old carried off the women of those upon whom they made war, so had the Boche taken forcibly the young women and girls from Nesle with them. An old lady whom I questioned said: "Monsieur, monsieur, they took my two daughters with them; tore them from me and laughed in my face. And they put poison in our well. I saw it. They put it in all the wells here."

The crowning impression I received was not that of following upon the heels of a retreating army, but a great band of assassins, incendiaries, thieves, perpetrators of sacrilege and violators of women. The evidence was everywhere in the area I was permitted to cover. It burned deeply into my soul, as deep as the bar sinister upon every uniformed wretch serving under the eagle of the Hohenzollerns.

If the retreat still going on as I write is strategy, the more of that kind the better. Upon the face the great significance is that the German is voluntarily leaving territory bitterly defended until as late as three weeks ago. It was territory strongly fortified thirty months past, and re-fortified since. From 1915 numerous attempts at advance had been made from these same lines with no result but thousands of Prussian dead for the vain endeavors. During all the past winter, with but the slightest interruption, a constant rain of heavy shell had fallen on the Boche positions. And now, for the first time in the history of this war of wars, the Germans, whose tactics demand retention of the offensive and whose general plan renders battle everywhere essential, have refused to fight, turned tail, and, after destroying everything about them, stepped back nearer the Rhine. The deduction is obvious. If you are strong enough to fight, you stand and fight. If the other fellow is stronger, you "beat it." And if you are Boche, you burn, break, mutilate, before the "beating."

For even in a trench war, as this has been thus far, there comes a time when you must retreat or advance. And the Prussian is retreating, a past great force acknowledging in act its present weakness before a greater force, a greater equipment, with most of all the greater morale of France and England. It would seem that the very land of France, under this shell-torn, martyred ground, must understand and be glad; must somehow know that, as the battle of the Somme passes into history, there dawns the commencement of the certain end for which they gave their lives.



"SCOUTS TO FEED SOLDIERS"

268,000 Boys Chose Slogan Through Their Executive Board

NEW YORK, April 19.—"Every scout to feed a soldier," was the war slogan chosen for the 268,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America by their executive board at a meeting at national headquarters here. A resolution was adopted, after conference with officials of the Navy Department, the Department of Agriculture and the American Red Cross, outlining, as the first definite service which scouts will give to the country during the war, the extension

and development of gardens in every State, with the idea of supplying food for at least as many fighting men as there are Boy Scouts and adult leaders. The latter number 58,000.

Twelve Claimants for \$1000 Reward

GREENSBURG, Pa., April 19.—Twelve claimants appeared before the county commissioners seeking the \$1000 reward offered for the capture of Harry E. Fuller, murderer of Jacob K. Blank. Fuller was executed several months ago. The claimants included men who directly or indirectly had something to do with the arrest of Fuller.

PLAN OF "AD" WOMEN

Philadelphia League Will Give Dance and Symbol Display of Various Designs

Trade marks and nationally advertised goods will frolic in the Hotel Adelphia in the not far distant future, according to plans which are to be made tonight when the live wire women advertisers of this city, all members of the Philadelphia League of Advertising Women, hold their meeting in the Adelphia to plan for the big May party, which takes place on May 4.

This is the first time in Philadelphia's history that the advertising women of the city have held such an entertainment, according to members of the committee who are planning the innovation. The festival is to take the form of a dinner-dance, and is to be known as the "Trade Mark Frolic and Maypole Dance."

Each guest is to appear in costume representing some national trade mark, such as the Campbell soup kiddies, the Kellogg Sweetheart of the Corn and the Old Dutch Cleanser characters.

The young women, many of whom are connected with Philadelphia's biggest advertising concerns, are working hard on the plans for the festival.

"Miss Publicity" is to be crowned Queen of the May immediately after the Maypole dance, according to the plans which will be completed tonight. There will be musical music.

The committee which will report tonight on the plans includes Miss Nellie E. Quirk, chairman; Miss Clara H. Zillessen, Miss Helen Campbell, Miss Mary O'Donnell, Miss Ann Kelley and Miss Sara I. Black, the acting president.

Authorities Have Taken Toward Canceling Schedule

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 19.—The athletic board in calling off organized athletics for the balance of the season, though announcement of some sort is expected when college resumes Thursday morning after the annual spring recess. The members of the varsity baseball squad have all remained at college during the vacation period and have practiced daily when the weather has permitted.

Only one member of the team, Robert, an outfielder, is an enlisted man, he is enrolled in Battery A, a National Guard unit made up largely of Brown men. Other members of the baseball squad are active in the Brown Officers' Reserve Corps, but thus far the hours have not conflicted with baseball practice.

BUILD MT. GRETTA ROADS

State Highway Commissioner Tells Governor of Plans

HARRISBURG, April 19.—State Highway Commissioner Black has informed Governor Brumbaugh he has made preliminary plans for the construction of permanent roads at Mount Gretna, which will be offered to the Government for training camp purposes, and will be able to complete the work in about two weeks following notice to proceed.

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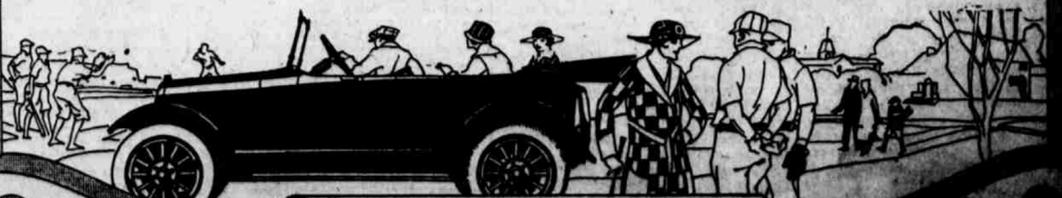


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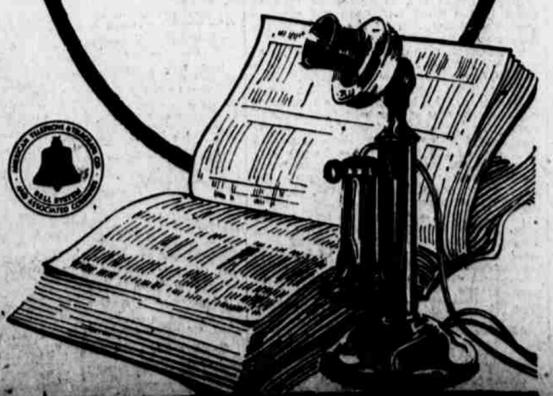
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